



Connecticut Association of School Psychologists
An affiliate of the National Association of School Psychologists

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Senator Slossberg, Senator Boucher, Representative Fleischmann, Representative Lavielle and Members of the Education Committee:

The CT Association of School Psychologists supports of **SB 186, AAC School Counselors**, and asks you adopt a Joint Favorable report for the bill.

SB 186 will add the term "school counselor" to various statutes to reflect the changing and important role of school counselors in the K-12 education setting. School psychologists work very closely and collaboratively with our colleagues in the school counseling and school social work professions. School counseling is important to the development of every student at each grade level.

The CT Association of School Psychologists would also support an amendment to the bill as suggested by the CT School Counselor Association asking that the "State Board of Education, in collaboration with the CT School Counselor Association, adopt guidelines and recommendations to ensure that all students have access to a comprehensive school counseling programming and that such recommendations ensure that academic, social-emotional and post-secondary and career readiness programming is delivered by a certified school counselor with adequate training and that the State Board of Education make any such guidelines and recommendations available to local and regional boards of education."

We appreciate the opportunity to address this issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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